

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination for the present application. Claims 1-20 were previously pending. A final Office Action was mailed on April 18, 2007. Applicants filed a response, Amendment After Final, on June 1, 2006, within two months of the final Office Action. An advisory action has not been received as of today, October 18, 2007.

As provided in MPEP §714.13,

If an applicant initially replies within 2 months from the date of mailing of any final rejection setting a 3-month shortened statutory period for reply and the Office does not mail an advisory action until after the end of the 3-month shortened statutory period, the period for reply for purposes of determining the amount of any extension fees will be the date on which the Office action mails the advisory action advising applicant of the status of the application, but in no event can the period extend beyond 6 months from the date of the final rejection. (emphasis added)

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary for consideration of this RCE request. The Office has not mailed an advisory action advising Applicants of the status of the present application even though Applicants filed a response within 2 months of the final Office Action. Accordingly, since today, October 18, 2007, is the end of the 6 month period from the date of the final Office Action April 18, 2007 and the Office has not mailed an advisory action, the date of October 18, 2007 should be the time any extension fees are calculated from. Therefore, no extension of time is believed necessary for this RCE request. Even though no extension of time is believed necessary, Applicants are submitting a request for a three-month extension of time to ensure that the present application does not go abandoned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the three-month time extension fee to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394 if necessary. Further, any over payments including extension of time fees may be credited back to this Deposit Account.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that examination of this application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 972-739-8643.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via EFS-Web on <u>October 18</u> , 2007.
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